

comparing a corresponding part of the first portion of the charge to a threshold value;

where the corresponding part of the first portion of the charge exceeds the threshold value, discarding a corresponding part of the second portion of the charge from the corresponding second storage element, and

where the corresponding part of the first portion of the charge is less than the threshold value, combining the corresponding part of the first portion of the charge with the corresponding part of the second portion of the charge from the corresponding second storage element.

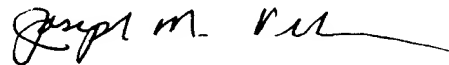
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**REMARKS**

No new matter is introduced by the foregoing amendment. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (510) 843-6200.

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